

Whereas, it is always a pleasure for the members of the Missouri House of Representatives to recognize an outstanding Show-Me State couple who have ceaselessly embraced the promises made to one another so many years ago; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Barnett, residents of Maryville, Missouri, commemorated the jubilant occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on August 17, 2003, at the Homestead Community Room; and

Whereas, it was six wondrous decades ago that Alva Barnett took the hand of his beloved Velda during a resplendent wedding ceremony on August 21, 1943, in Stockton, California; and

Whereas, Alva and Velda Barnett have been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three children and their spouses, Maryann and Doyle Daniels of Warsaw, Terry and Jennifer Barnett of Denver, Colorado, and Kevin and Rachel Barnett of St. Louis; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, known as proud and loving parents, Alva and Velda Barnett provided their children with boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, now retired, Alva, a veteran of the United States Army Air Force, and Velda Barnett strived to provide a comfortable home and secure future for their family through their successful endeavors as the owners and operators of Barnett Grocery in Hopkins; and

Whereas, during their six decades together, Alva and Velda Barnett have found true love: love that lasts, love that heals, love that transforms, and love that brings inestimable joy:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Alva and Velda Barnett upon the joyous occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary and further wish them continued prosperity as they begin their sixty-first year of wedded bliss; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Alva Barnett, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4331, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker